



FRIDAY EVENING, FEB. 19, 1897

THE NEARER the close of Mr. Cleveland's administration, the more glaring and grotesque becomes his civil service reform humbug. If any well informed and reasonable man ever conscientiously agreed with that policy, he must have been disabused of his wrong ideas on that subject after reading the recent speech of Mr. Allan in the U. S. Senate, in which that Senator stated that two women employed by the government in Omaha were discharged for putting Bryan pictures on their walls, while six, who had put McKinley pictures on theirs, were retained. No matter what the next administration may be, it cannot be more provokingly hypocritical than its predecessor.

BISHOP DOANE of New York says "polygamy is prevalent in that city." That what the Bishop says is true is well known, and is just as much so of all the other large cities of the country as of New York. But, nevertheless, Utah was kept out of the Union, because some of the people of that State acknowledged polygamy, until the republicans were assured that it would send two members of their party to the U. S. Senate. Polygamy is a "twin relic," if practiced by democrats, but when republicans indulge in it, the barbarism becomes evidence of the highest stage of civilization. But faces must not be shaved nor boots blacked on Sundays.

THE appointment of the public school superintendents will be made next June. The Governor is one of the three members of the board by whom they will be appointed. It is to be hoped the two democratic members of that board, Mr. Massey, superintendent of public instruction, and Attorney General Scott, may not be affected by the same spirit that has actuated him in his recent appointment of notaries public to take depositions in the districts in which contested congressional election cases are in progress.

THE UNFORTUNATE ship Texas has been aground in the harbor of Galveston and the fleet drill off Charleston shows that the new ships, though they cost an immense sum, are by no means as effective as they ought to be. But though the officers of the navy are not familiar with the harbors of their own land, and though their vessels are inefficient, the jingoes would involve the country in a foreign war, whose battles would be fought chiefly on water.

AMONG the recent callers upon President-elect McKinley was a delegation of negroes, who advised him to countenance the proposition to pension the ex-slaves. As nearly all the pension money now goes to the North, as the amount of that money continues to increase year by year, and as nearly all of what might be given to the ex-slaves would come South, the average citizen of this section hopes the advice referred to may be adopted.

AS THE immigration bill that has recently passed the Senate prohibits Canadians from working in this country, a manufacturing company in Windsor, Ontario, that employs a large number of Americans, threatens to discharge every one of them if that bill shall become a law. And no fair minded citizen of the United States can object, for it is only natural that such debts should be paid in kind.

THE WINTER may not be over, but, if so, other things than people will be disappointed, for the spring birds have come, and were heard warbling their blithe notes in many of the gardens of the city this morning, by those wise and industrious enough to rise early. They caught many worms, too, for those other harbingers of spring, have also made their appearance.

THE PROTECTIONISTS are doubtless gloating over the fact that of the sixteen million dollars of toll collected by the Suez canal company last year, not a cent came from this country. Their navigation laws and high tariffs, if allowed to continue, will soon drive their flag completely from all the seas.

A FAMILY FEUD.—A sensational encounter between J. P. Johnson, a retired capitalist of Norfolk, and his son, Claude R. Johnson, took place on Wednesday afternoon at their residence. During the affair young Johnson's throat was slashed by his father. The affair created much excitement, owing to the prominence of the parties. The young man was arrested, charged with a breach of the peace, and spent the night in the station house. The case was called up yesterday, when the elder Johnson testified that he had implored his son to reform, all to no avail. He acknowledged that he cut his son with the knife, and expressed sorrow that he did not kill him. Mr. Johnson, sr., said his son assaulted his mother a few days ago, and created much unhappiness in the household. When the prisoner was put on the stand he flatly denied the charges. In the absence of material witnesses, the case was postponed five days, and young Johnson was held in \$500 bail, which he could not furnish, and went to jail.

FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The last day of the first session of the National Convention of Mothers was marked by so many diversified topics to be discussed, and such pronounced manifestations of general interest that the Congress had to divide itself, as on yesterday, into three or four separate conventions. The programme for today was as follows: Conference at the Arlington—Co-education, and universal peace. At Baptist Church—Significance of play; Froebel's mother play book; playthings; heredity; physical culture; character building vs. education; national training school for women; nature studies in the home; importance of bringing the youth in touch with great literature; stories; how shall the nation secure educated mothers? and club organization, need of organization, how organized.

The testimony of the Alexandria committee of the Senate in the Davis case is of such a directly contradictory character that most witnesses from that city will probably be heard by the committee, though it is said the testimony supplied by Mr. Norris of this city will be sufficient to prevent a body composed of democrats who desire to defeat him, and of republicans who have no particular interest in him, from confirming his nomination. Alexandria, who will be willing to swear that they heard him speak of the supporters of the Chicago ticket as populists and anarchists should inform the members of the committee to that effect.

The House commerce committee has not yet acted upon the invitation to visit Norfolk and inspect the harbor of that city, and it is so late in the session now that it will hardly do so.

It is feared here that another populist has abandoned the democrats, Senator Kyle, of South Dakota, and that his recompense for doing so has been his re-election.

The desks of the republican members of the House who were conspicuous in the successful effort yesterday to reject the report of their own committee and turn out a democrat and give a republican his seat, were decorated with the most costly bouquets to day.

Among the visitors at the Capitol today was Mr. Walter Sharp, of Norfolk, who, though turned down himself, came here to help to secure the confirmation of Mr. Anderson as postmaster at his city.

He is, however, after Mr. Doyle, who filed charges against him, with a sharp stick and has employed able counsel to examine those charges and to bring suit if they be libelous.

Congressman Meredith was engaged nearly the whole morning in efforts to get employment on the railroads here for some of his constituents, they having finally abandoned all hope of obtaining places in the government's service.

Senator Daniel, of Virginia, who, by resolution of the Senate, will read Washington's Farewell Address in that body next Monday, has had as predecessors in this reading Messrs. Ingalls, Manderson and Frye, all noted as accomplished elocutionists.

It is understood that the report in the case of the nomination of Mr. Sands for commissioner of the District of Columbia will be made on Wednesday next, and that it will probably be favorable.

The friends of the bill to break up railroad scalping are confident that it will pass, but at this stage of the session the fate of any but a regular appropriation bill is doubtful.

Among those present at the last evening reception at the White House yesterday, were Mrs. Wm. N. Mitchell, daughter of Congressman Otey of Virginia, and Miss Katie Slaughter of Lynchburg.

The Navy Department has received a telegraphic application from Major Carlson, of San Diego, for permission for the British cruiser, now at that port, to land its forces to take part in the great land parade on Washington's birthday.

At the same time, the British admiral, with the flagship Philadelphia, the coast defense vessels Monterey and Monadnock, and the cruiser Marion, are also at San Diego and several hundred men from his fleet, will take part in the demonstration.

It was decided at a meeting of the part of the British command to offer his men on such a patriotic occasion, but as the authority to act upon the matter seems to be with the State Department the request has been referred to Secretary Olney.

The usual procedure would be for the British ambassador to request permission for the crew of the Comus to land with arms, and ordinarily such a request would be referred to the governor of the State for his approval before the President authorized the landing. It does not seem, however, that there is anything to prevent the governor of California granting the desired permission without recourse to the national government, although precedent might be established by such action which might be embarrassing in the future.

Foreigners are also being landed at New York during the Christmas Columbus naval review, but to this function foreign navies had been officially invited. It is the custom when the commanders of American warships desire to land men for drills on foreign shores to apply to the authorities who in turn procure the necessary permit from the central authority.

The Spanish Minister to Washington has received the following telegram from the President of the Chamber of Commerce of Havana:

"The sugar plantations in the larger manufacturing districts are grinding cane. Railroad and telegraphic communications are regular."

MAJOR GINTER'S COTILLON.—The most select as well as the most picturesque social function of the season in Richmond was the cotillon given last night by Major Lewis Ginter. This took place at the Jefferson Hotel and was given in honor of Mrs. Oldfield Brown, of New York. The list of invitations was limited to 250 and embraced the leading young married and single society people. The supper, which began at midnight, was laid in the court. This was floored over and decorated in the most artistic manner for this purpose.

The cotillon, which began at 10 o'clock, was led by Mr. W. C. Mayo and Mrs. Brown, the guest of honor. The dance took place in the two east-end dining-rooms, upon which the skill of the forlids and designers were spent. The profusion of potted plants and flowers surpassed anything ever witnessed there. Major Lewis Ginter and his niece, Miss Josephine Arents, received their guests in the west-end dining-room. They were assisted in receiving the guests by the ladies: Mrs. Oldfield Brown, Mrs. Hunter McGuire, Mrs. Charles B. Carrington and Mrs. Graham Hobson.

The family of Jacob Cizeux was almost completely wiped out, it is reported, by an accidental fire at their residence in Cleveland, Ohio. Eight people were burned of these it is thought five will die.

The rate war instituted on Monday by the Norfolk and Western road seems destined to spread.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The report that Dr. Zartucha had been murdered in Cuba is denied.

It is reported that the followers of Don Carlos, pretender to the throne of Spain, are preparing for a coup d'etat.

Secretary Herbert was given a banquet by the Charleston, S. C., Chamber of Commerce last night and made a speech on "Our Country's Navy."

The republican members of the ways and means committee have decided to restore the McKinley rates on coal and coke to shut out Canadian competition.

A question has arisen in Baltimore whether Hon. Let, a Chinese boy, who had entered the public schools, should be enrolled in the white schools or those provided for the colored children.

John O. Matthews, the founder of the Ancient Order of Knights of the Mystic Chain, died yesterday in Reading, Pa., at the residence of his daughter. Mr. Matthews was born in Baltimore county, Md., November 20th, 1817 and had been blind for several years.

Major McKinley continues to improve, but he has by no means recovered his former robust health. The contemplated trip to Cleveland has been abandoned and it is not likely he will leave Canton until March 1, when he starts for Washington.

Mr. Henry Renshaw died at his residence, near Bethesda, Montgomery county, Md., Wednesday night, aged eighty-three years. Mr. Renshaw was for many years a very prominent factor in the democratic ranks of that county. He leaves a widow and six children.

Rev. Father Jas. F. Mackin pastor of St. Paul's Catholic Church, Washington, who has been absent from his congregation during the past two months, having accompanied Bishop Keane, the former rector of the Catholic University, to Rome, returned yesterday afternoon, and a hearty welcome was tendered him by his parishioners at the pastoral residence.

The House of Representatives yesterday by a vote of 197 to 91, reversed the finding of a majority of the elections committee and decided the contested election case of N. T. Hopkins vs. J. M. Kendall, from the Tenth Kentucky district, in favor of the republican candidate, Mr. Hopkins. The conference reports on the bills to pension Maj. Gen. Julius H. Stahl at \$75 and the widow of Maj. Gen. Stoneman at \$50 were adopted.

THE PRESIDENT'S LAST LEVEE.

The final public reception of this administration, which occurred last night, was more largely attended than any previous affair in the history of many years.

The decorations were extremely handsome, those of the Blue Parlor being of white hyacinths and pink and white azaleas. The windows were clustered with palms and azaleas, and the walls were festooned with ivy leaves and asparagus promosa. The Red Parlor and the red corridor were decorated with palms and ferns, while the flowers used were Japanese primroses of a rich red. The East Room was lavishly decorated with palms and tropical plants in the usual arrangement.

The people began to arrive as early as 7:30, and by 8 the East Room, the halls and corridors were packed with the crowd who endured the pushing and squeezing patiently, waiting for the appearance of the receiving party. Promptly at 9 the Marine Band signaled their coming with "Hail to the Chief." A line of officers of the army had formed in the red corridor, and as the President and Mrs. Cleveland passed in, a military salute was tendered them.

Mrs. Cleveland looked extremely handsome in a gown of flesh pink pompadour silk, flowered in roses, of a darker shade. The skirt was draped on one side, showing a petticoat of emerald green velvet with deep flounces of crepe-lisse. The hem of the skirt was bordered with emerald velvet overlaid with gold passementerie extending entirely around the train, which was full length. The bodice of velvet was trimmed about the corsage with frills of the crepe-lisse, and the elbow sleeves were finished with the same. A beautiful necklace of coral of several strands was worn. The coiffure was simply arranged as usual, and a white cape of jessamine was placed in the coil at the back of the head.

Mrs. Olney was gowned in lavender and white satin; Mrs. Carlisle, in white and violet brocade, with a vest of violet crepe-lisse, caught up with a diamond sunburst, and a fall of rose point lace over the shoulders; Mrs. Lamont in black net, heavily jeweled and with a large cluster of violets fastened on her shoulder; Mrs. Harmon, in pink and white brocade; Mrs. Wilson, in white satin, with point lace, and Mrs. Francis, in blue and white satin, with black trimmings.

MR. DAVIS'S APPOINTMENT.

As stated in the GAZETTE of that date the subcommittee of the Senate committee on judiciary that is investigating the charges against Mr. Henry E. Davis, nominated by the President to be United States attorney for the District of Columbia, listened yesterday to statements from several gentlemen. One of the charges against Mr. Davis is that during the campaign he indulged in his speeches in abuse of Mr. Bryan and the silver Senators.

Several gentlemen declared that Mr. Davis's speeches in the campaign were singularly free from abusive language of any kind.

Mr. James L. Norris presented a written statement setting forth the reasons why Mr. Davis should not be confirmed. Mr. Norris's statement gives quotations from some of Mr. Davis's speeches. Among these it is charged that in a speech made in Baltimore he said: "I have the utmost contempt for a Senator who would advise men to march in a McKinley parade and then vote for Bryan."

Mr. C. M. Cuvillier, of this city, was heard, he stating that in Alexandria Mr. Davis had denounced the democrats as anarchists and repudiators, and that his insults stirred up a row in the audience.

An attempt was made last night to wreck a Big Four train near Berea, O., on a bridge 75 feet high. The obstructions were discovered by a track walker, shortly before the eastbound fast freight was due. A horrible wreck was averted.

DIED.

At Newington, Fairfax county, Va., on the night of the 18th, SAMUEL E. NEVITT, in the 71st year of his age. Funeral at Poplick Church, to-morrow, Saturday, at 2 p. m.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The friends of Maj. J. Hoge Tyler have issued a card announcing him as a candidate for Governor.

Rev. Pike Powers, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, of Richmond, is extremely ill and in an unconscious condition.

The bazar for the benefit of the Dixie Hospital had a successful opening at the Hotel Chamberlin, Fort Monroe, last night.

Miss Mattie Towner was seriously and possibly fatally injured, in Richmond, yesterday, by being run over by a colored bicyclist.

At a meeting of the bar of Lexington on Wednesday a memorial was adopted in reference to the death of John Randolph Tucker.

Mr. Jacob Battle, jr., and Miss Mattie Nash Wright, eloped from Petersburg Wednesday night and went to Washington, where they were married.

Major Robert Douthat, formerly of Charles City county, but for the past two years a resident of Danville, died yesterday in the seventy-eight year of his age.

It is said in Norfolk that the Southern Railway purposes erecting at Pinner's Point two more immense warehouses for the accommodation of their growing business.

It is reported that a fracas occurred at Chamberlin's at Old Point, last Saturday night between Senator Blackburn and Nat Goolwin and Henry E. Dixey. No one was much hurt and Dixey paid the damages.

Nathan T. Brooks, a notary public, was arraigned before the United States commissioner at Danville yesterday charged with forging pension papers. He was sent to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

Mr. Nathan Kohn, a clothing merchant, who has been a resident of Winchester for more than thirty years, died yesterday. Mr. Kohn was a native of Winden, Germany, and was sixty-two years of age.

Mrs. R. C. McCarthy, of near Middleburg, died very suddenly on Monday. She was visiting her son near Delaplace, and while taking a walk composed of feeling unwell, took a seat on the roadside, and at once expired. She was the daughter of the late Samuel McGeath, a well-known citizen of Loudoun.

C. K. Smith, who is charged, with a young man named Joseph Lickliter, with forgery, and who, with Lickliter, broke jail at Staunton some time ago, was captured by Jailer Dawson near Nick postoffice, in Albemarle county, yesterday. Young Lickliter was tried in the Hustings Court, but the jury failed to agree.

A unique method of raising money for the building fund of a church was adopted in Hanover county yesterday. A veteran fox hunter, Mr. E. P. Winston, organized a fox chase on a large scale. Admittance was charged. One hundred and twenty-five persons participated. The fox was run down and the church improvement easily paid.

The most interesting social event of the season in Spotsylvania county took place Wednesday night at his (the) Massaponich Church, the occasion being the marriage of Miss Inez E. Colbert, daughter of Mrs. M. E. and the late Treasurer R. W. Colbert, to Dr. C. Rosser Massey. The church was beautifully decorated and was crowded with the friends of the young couple.

Harry Friedman, of East Bradford, who was bitten by a blue-gummed negro during a fight on December 16 and taken to the Hebrew Hospital in Baltimore, has entirely recovered and will in a few days be able to go to his home. After the amputation of the finger blood-poisoning set in and it was thought at one time that the man's whole hand and perhaps his arm would have to be taken off, but by careful attention the arm and hand have been saved.

Harvey Bell, on trial in Charlottesville for the murder of his wife, testified in his own behalf yesterday that his marriage life had been made unhappy by misconduct on his wife's part. On the day of the tragedy he appealed to her to give up her intimacy with S. H. White, but she indignantly proclaimed her relations and defiantly announced her intention to continue. From that time until next morning his memory was blank. Yesterday afternoon the commonwealth placed White upon the stand and he made a general denial of Bell's statements.

FAIRFAX NOTES.

The wife of Elber L. Smith, of Wilford, died on the 12th instant.

Mrs. William Tyson, of Lewisville, died last Sunday. Mr. William Tyson is very sick.

Mr. Isaac Hall died Sunday at his home in Lee district, near Burke's Station, aged 86 years.

Mr. Lewis Moorehead and Miss Emma Murphy, both of Fairfax county, were married on Tuesday at the parsonage of the M. E. Church South, in this place.

Dr. Kilpstein, of Alexandria, has sold his farm of 129 acres on the Little River turnpike, a short distance east of Lincoln, known as the Fitzhugh or Ashby place, to Robert J. Austin, a pension examiner, of Washington, for \$4,000.

Mr. James Henry Dickey died at his home near Great Falls on Monday. He was about fifty-eight years old, and leaves a widow and five or six children. He was one of the original members of Company F (Capt. Berry's), Eighth Virginia Infantry and was wounded at Sharpsburg.

Mr. Fred Maltby, the young man from Lorton Station who has been confined in jail for a couple of weeks, charged with stabbing the school teacher at that place, Mr. Rolfe Wells, with a scratch awl, and who has been held to await the result of Mr. Wells' injury, was before Justice John R. Taylor, on Wednesday. Mr. R. W. Moore, counsel for Mr. Wells, stated that his client did not wish to prosecute the case, and the prisoner was discharged.

Mr. Wells, we are glad to learn, has nearly recovered from the effects of the stab.—*Herold.*

A GOOD HAUL.—Capt. Ewing put in his great seine at the celebrated Marlboro' fishing shore on yesterday, and made his first haul of the season. He caught no fish, but is said to have brought in about hundred cartloads of drift-wood. The Potomac is said to be more blocked with drift wood than ever known before.—*Fredericksburg Star.*

Chief Justice Mercer Beasley, of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, died at Trenton of bronchial pneumonia shortly after seven o'clock this morning.

FIFTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, February 19.

SENATE.

The conference report on the bill granting a pension of \$50 a month to the widow of General Stoneman was agreed to.

A bill to remove the political disabilities of Colonel W. E. Sims was passed. A resolution was offered by Mr. Hoar and agreed to directing that immediately after the reading of the journal on Monday, the 22d instant (Washington's birthday), Washington's farewell address be read by Senator Daniel, and that thereafter the Senate will proceed with its business.

The conference report fixing the pension of General Julius H. Stahl at \$75 a month was agreed to.

Also Senate bill setting apart a plot of public ground in the city of Washington for memorial purposes under the auspices of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The Senate, on motion of Mr. Sherman, proceeded to the consideration of executive business (the arbitration treaty).

Immediately upon the closing of the doors of the Senate the general treaty of arbitration with Great Britain was taken up for consideration, and Mr. Nelson made another speech urging that action be postponed until the Senate convened March 5th next. He called attention to the press of business on the Senate calendar and dwelt especially upon the need for the passage of some form of bankruptcy act.

Mr. Platt again antagonized postponement, believing that the best interests of the country demanded immediate action.

Mr. Frye, of Maine, who, as stated yesterday, was inclined to think postponement would be the proper course, came out this morning in a short but spirited speech advocating action by the Senate to-day.

Senator Stewart strongly urged postponement and was followed by Senator Teller in the same vein.

Mr. Teller, as a member of the committee on appropriations, told his colleagues that the Senate would have all it could do to pass remaining appropriation bills between now and March 4th.

The demand for an immediate vote was made almost as soon as the doors were closed by Senators Lodge and Frye, each of whom spoke for five minutes. Both men asserted that the time had come for a vote if the Senate ever intended to take a vote on the subject. If action was to be prevented the Senate and the country should know it. Both of the speeches were vigorous and emphatic and had the effect of disclosing the "hand" of the opposition.

Mr. Teller promptly retorted that no vote on the treaty itself could be had, and the debate that then began indicates that it is the intention of the opponents to wear out the Senate until from sheer desperation it is willing to vote to postpone. The merits of the treaty can be discussed in full on the motion to postpone and this is being done. Senators who have endeavored to grasp the situation say that they believe the discussion may continue until six or seven o'clock, when it will be no longer possible to maintain a quorum; that when that hour arrives the motion to postpone will prevail, being forced on account of the known impossibility of reaching any conclusion and the condition of the legislative business of the Senate.

HOUSE.

A spirited debate began to-day's proceedings. It was based on a conference report which showed that the House conferees surrendered to the conferees of the Senate on a bill granting \$75 a month to the widow of Brigadier General and Brevet Major General Carr instead of \$50 as provided by the House bill. Mr. Layton explained that Mrs. Carr had served through the war as an army nurse and that she had an invalid daughter to support. He believed that she deserved the full amount as much on account of her own services as her husband's.

Mr. Crowther contended that there was neither justice nor equity in granting to the widow of a brigadier general \$75 a month when the House had gone on record time and again in refusing to grant that sum. He averred, however, that he had never opposed any honest and legitimate pension bill.

Mr. Lacey contended that under the general law Mrs. Carr was entitled to \$50 a month.

Mr. Hull told the House that the private soldiers resented the making of such great distinctions between pensions for widows of general officers and those of privates.

On a division the House by a vote of 41 to 100 refused to agree to the conference report which was sent back to a further conference with instructions to insist on a pension of \$50.

On motion of Mr. Cannon, chairman of the committee on appropriations, the House went into committee of the whole on the general deficiency appropriation bill.

Mr. Sayers wanted to make an agreement to have three hours' general debate on the Southern Pacific Railway appropriation in the bill, but Mr. Grow gave notice that unless he were given forty minutes to speak on that subject he would object.

Mr. Cannon begged the gentleman from Pennsylvania not to insist as there was danger that appropriation bills might fail in the closing days of the session, but Mr. Grow said he had never seen any appropriation bills fail and maintained his objection.

Then Mr. Cannon moved that the bill be reported to the House by the committee of the whole. Mr. Grow protested, but Mr. Payne, who was in the chair, put the question and declared it carried. When he had reported to Speaker Reed that the House had come to no resolution on the bill, Mr. Cannon immediately moved that the House again resolve itself into committee of the whole for the consideration of appropriation bills and that general debate of the deficiency bill be limited to one minute. This was done in order to allow only the consideration of the measure by amendments in the House proper.

Protests came from a number of members and at the request of Mr. Grow the yeas and nays were ordered. The House refused—92 to 125—to limit debate to one minute.

Mr. Cannon asked unanimous consent to limit general debate to forty-two minutes, but Mr. Grow objected. Then the House went into committee of the whole without agreement, and Mr. Grow explained that he had been forced to assert his right as a representative, because when he asked the chairman of the appropriations committee to give him thirty or forty minutes to discuss the Oklahoma free homestead bill the latter replied that he did not know whether there would be time.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

Greece—Defiant.

ATHENS, Feb. 19.—The proposals of some of the European powers to take coercive measures to enforce their prohibition of Greek action in Crete have aroused fierce public resentment throughout the kingdom, and popular demands that the government resist the action of the powers at any cost are being made in all quarters. If the European squadrons should prevent Greece from acting against the Turks by sea, a revolution in Macedonia and Epirus is certain to follow. Advice from Macedonia say that all of the principal bridges and roads in that territory are mined in readiness to destroy them in order to prevent the advance of the Turks.

In the course of a debate in the Chamber of Deputies last evening Premier Delanyannis declared that Greece would persist in her policy and course of action in Crete.

The Greek steamer Pan Hellenic, conveying munitions of war to the insurgents in Crete, has been stopped and turned back by a British cruiser. The action of the British vessel has created the fiercest indignation here.

PARIS, Feb. 19.—A dispatch from Canea says that the British war ships in Cretan waters have prevented the landing of a force of Greek troops which arrived there on board the Greek warship Aliphios.

ROME, Feb. 19.—The *Messaggero* asserts that the Turkish commander Photiades Pasha recently addressed a letter to Colonel Vassos, commanding the Greek troops in Crete, threatening to imprison him and afterwards shoot him, and that Vassos contemptuously tore up the letter.

CANEA, Feb. 19.—Col. Vassos, commander of the Greek troops in Crete, has mounted guns on the heights of Akrotiri and is making preparations to capture the Turkish fort at Voukolies. From present indications fighting is likely to take place very soon and the British and Russian consuls have gone to Selino to endeavor to put a stop to hostilities.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 19.—It is reported here that Photiades Pasha, the provisional superior of Crete, has declined to continue to discharge the duties of that office and that Karathodoros Pasha will be appointed to the governorship of the island. A report is in circulation here that Lord Salisbury and the Marquis di Rudini, the British and Italian prime ministers, have recommended that the powers agree to grant autonomy to Crete upon lines similar to those upon which autonomy was given to the island of Samos, the affairs of the island to be administered under the rule of a Greek prince.

The Cabinet.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 19.—A dispatch from Canton, O., says: "Mr. James A. Geary, of Baltimore, has been selected for postmaster general in the cabinet of the next administration. This information, though not yet publicly announced, is authoritative."

CANTON, O., Feb. 19.—It can be stated on the highest authority that J. J. McCook, of New York, has not been offered the position of attorney general. That place is still open, as is the position of Postmaster General. It is likely, however, that Mr. McCook will be offered within a week the portfolio of the department of justice and that James A. Geary, of Baltimore, M. I., may be chosen for the postoffice department. Major McKinley was a great deal better this morning and went out for a drive at nine o'clock. The weather is superb.

James A. Geary, of Baltimore, who went to Canton this morning by the invitation of the President-elect, authorized this announcement: "Governor McKinley has tendered me a portfolio in his cabinet. While it was not definitely settled which one, I am assured it will be one which I can accept." The understanding is that Mr. Geary will be Postmaster General.

CANTON, Ohio, Feb. 19.—James A. Geary, of Baltimore, who will be the next Postmaster General, arrived here at half past ten o'clock and was driven to Major McKinley's house. They entered at once into consultation.

Horrible Murder.

BISMARCK, N. D., Feb. 19.—The horrible discovery of the murder of six persons was made yesterday, near Winton, about thirty miles below Bismarck. The affairs is shrouded in mystery. It is believed that Indians may have been the murderers, although there is nothing to substantiate this theory other than that a number of them are said to have been seen loitering about the neighborhood. The dead are Mrs. Wm. Waldron, Mrs. Wm. Rouse, twin baby boys, sons of Mrs. Rouse, the Rev. Thomas Spicer and Mrs. Thomas Spicer. The entire family had been murdered with the exception of two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Spicer, who chanced to be away from home at the time.

The Fighting Ground.

CARSON, Nev., Feb. 19.—Work on the big structure in which the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight will be held will begin immediately. The amphitheatre will be octagonal in shape and will be roofless. The ring will occupy an elevated position on a platform four feet high, a space of six feet surrounding the four sides of the ring. The amphitheatre will accommodate over 24,000 people, and will cost Stuart in the neighborhood of \$100,000.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—Dan Lynch yesterday received a telegram from Stuart in which he offered \$5,000 for a fight between Sharkey and Maher. It is not believed Stuart can secure the contest for the sum offered.